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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to:

CORD MADE FROM POLYESTER FILAMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the original Abstract with the amended Abstract attached as a separate page to this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 1-22, delete the header "AFP 2440 R".

Page 1, line 2, insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, delete lines 3-14.